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1. THE GOVERNMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE RECOGNIZES TWO TYPES OF OF-
FICIAL PASSPORT HOLDERS-DIPLOMATIC AND OTHER. IF A STAFF
MEMBER HAS A DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT, HE IS AUTOMATICALLY EXEMPT
FROM ANY CUSTOMS INSPECTION, TAXES, ETC.

2. BAGGAGE AND HHE OF HOLDERS OF OFFICIAL PASSPORTS ARE SUB-
JECT TO INSPECTION. WHILE IT HAS NOT BEEN THE PRACTICE TO
INSPECT INCOMING BAGGAGE OR SHIPMENTS, THIS HAS BEEN DUE TO
THE EMBASSY'S LOCAL EMPLOYEE'S EFFORTS AND EXPLANATIONS TO
THE CUSTOMS OFFICIALS CONCERNING THE OFFICIAL STATUS OF THE
PERSON ARRIVING.

3. THE RIGHT OF INSPECTION OF DEPARTING HHE OF OFFICIAL PASS-
PORT HOLDERS HS CAUSED THE EMBASSY MANY MAN-HOURS OF WORK IN
APPLYING FOR EXEMPTION OF THE REQUIREMENT. THE EMBASSY HAS
ONLY THIS WEEK BEEN ABLE TO ARRANGE CUSTOMS CLEARANCE OF
THE HHE OF THE AMERICAN SECRETARY TO THE AMBASSADOR WHICH
WERE READY FOR SHIPMENT APPROXIMATELY MAY 1. THE LOCAL
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PORT CUSTOMS OFFICER INSISTED THAT THE EFFECTS BE OPENED
IN HIS PRESENCE. AFTER FORMAL NOTES AND REPRESENTATIONS
TO HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, PERSONAL FOLLOW-UPS, ETC.,
THE EXEMPTION WAS FINALLY GRANTED.

4. THE IMPACT OF THE DISCRIMINATION MADE BETWEEN DIP-
LOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORT HOLDERS HAS BEEN ONE OF

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PERSONAL ANNOYANCE BECAUSE OF DELAY. THERE HAS BEEN NO FINANCIAL DIFFERENCE.

5. THE MATTER OF OFFICIAL PASSPORT HOLDER'S RIGHTS HAS BEEN DISCUSSED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS. IT HAS ALSO BEEN DISCUSSED AT MEETINGS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT ANY CHANGE IN POLICY WILL OCCUR.
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